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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Dan I. Davidson

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12152003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The information disclosure statement filed December 15, 2003 has been received and has been considered and made of record.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jen et al (US 6,405,277 B1).

Re claims 1-7; Jen et al disclose a system for ensuring written data integrity in a data storage device operating outside of predefined normal operating conditions (col. 7, lines 20-23) comprising: an environmental stress monitoring module (i.e. a monitor that determines ambient temperature outside of the normal operating range) operable to identify data storage device operation in an environmental stress condition (Fig. 4, 80, 72; col. 7, lines 38-41; col. 8, lines 31-34); and a write integrity check module for verifying written data integrity during data storage device operation in the environmental stress condition (Fig. 9, 108; Fig. 10, 130). Write verification, by definition, involves reading back the data written to the data storage device and comparing the read back data with the data written. A "write error" is broadly interpreted to refer to any output indicating a failure of write verification and is thus satisfied by the disclosure of Jen et al. Furthermore, it is inherent in a data storage device that data written to the storage

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device and read from the storage device is written to a logical block address (LBA) and read from a logical block address, since an LBA is required to allow the host to identify the location on the storage device at which data is written and read.

Re claims 8-9; Jen et al disclose determining a spare location for the written data if the data read back is not identical to the written data and writing the written data to the spare location (col. 8, lines 5-7; Fig. 9, 118); reading back the data written to the spare location; and comparing the data read back from the spare location to the data written to the spare location (col. 8, lines 7-8; Fig. 9, 120). Jen et al further disclose indicating a write error if the data read back from the spare location is not identical to the data written to the spare location (col. 8, lines 12-14; Fig. 9, 122).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Cho (US 2004/0042105 A1) teaches enabling a write verify when a sensed temperature around the hard disc drive is below a threshold temperature.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dan I. Davidson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7552. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David R. Hudspeth, can be reached on (571) 272-7843. The fax phone


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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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